

YORK TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for Monthly Meeting - February 8, 2023 - via Zoom & Live, 7:05 PM to 8:36 PM

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:

7:00 PM by Betty Stein

Attendance Officers and Chairpersons via Zoom unless noted as Live:

Co-Presidents – Betty & Doug Stein (present - Live)

Vice President – Laura Koebnick (present via Zoom)

Secretary – OPEN

Treasurer – JaNeene Powell (present via Zoom)

Assistant Treasurer – Kyle Groft (absent)

French Adult Exchange Chair – Ben Stein (present - Live), Jennifer Grimm (present – via Zoom)

French Student Exchange Co-Chairs – Kristin Witmer (present via Zoom) & Kristina Spies (present via Zoom)

German Adult Exchange Co-Chairs – Hank Groat (present- Live) and Laura Koebnick (present – via Zoom)

German Student Exchange Co-Chairs – Hannah Heintzelman (absent), Molly Wiles (absent)

12th Night House Tour Fundraising Co-Chairs – Mary (absent) and Larry Homsher (present via Zoom)

General Fundraising Chair – POSITION OPEN

Membership/Dues – JaNeene Powell (present via Zoom)

Marketing/PR – POSITION OPEN

Way/Means – POSITION OPEN

Newsletter – OPEN

Webmaster – Ken Krause (absent)

Hospitality – Kristi Spies (present via Zoom)

Spring Winetasting Co-Chair – Kristi Spies (present), Melanie Winters (absent), JaNeene Powell (present via Zoom)

Compliance Officer – POSITION OPEN

Attendance of Additional Members:

Lisa Rummel – via Zoom

Michael Lumpkin – via Zoom

Diane Reimert – via Zoom

Jackie Lumpkin – via Zoom

Bob Goley – via Zoom

Larry Homsher – via Zoom

Mary Dodd – Live

Carolyn Van Newkirk – via Zoom

John Marsh – via Zoom

Mary Robinson – via Zoom

Margie Marsh – via Zoom

Linda Just – via Zoom

Brandi Whitman – via Zoom

Chris Moulton - Live

Kim Whitely – via Zoom

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion by JaNeene Powell to accept minutes. Motion seconded by John Marsh. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

JaNeene Powell presented financial reports. Motion made by Hank Groat to accept Treasurer's reports for December and through January 31, 2023. Motion seconded by Ben Stein. Motion carried.

Financial report for 12th Night shared by Treasurer JaNeene Powell.

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Discussion about tagging a portion of the money raised from 12th Night for the scholarship fund. Kim Whitely motioned to set aside 25% of profits from 12th Night for the scholarship fund. Carolyn Van Newkirk seconded the motion. Motion carried. \$1,411.12 will be set aside from 12th Night funds for scholarship fund.

Budgets for French Adult 2023 Exchange and Estimated 2023 German student exchange were presented. French budget needs reapproved with addition of administration fee. Motion made by Ben Stein to approve the updated budget for the French Adult 2023 Exchange. Motion seconded by Hank Groat. Motion carried. Motion made by JaNeene Powell to approve the estimated 2023 German student exchange budget. Carolyn Van Newkirk seconded the motion. Discussion that budget was based on 5 students but there could be up to 10 traveling. Motion carried.

1. Approve 2023 French Adult Exchange Budget

Adult France	Income	Expense	Difference	Notes
Airfare/Transportation	\$19,680.00	\$17,680.00	\$2,000.00	Paid \$2000 in 2022 as an expense
Admin Fee	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	Need profit to cover French visit to York, 15 people x \$200
Donation			\$0.00	
Memberships			\$0.00	
			\$0.00	
			\$0.00	
Subtotal	\$22,680.00	\$17,680.00	\$5,000.00	

2. Approve Estimated 2023 German Student Exchange Budget- based on 5 students

Student - German	Income	Expense	Difference	Notes
Airfare/Transportation	\$7,025.00	\$7,025.00	\$0.00	
Chaperone Ticket (Student)	\$650.00		\$650.00	
Admin Fee	\$1,125.00		\$1,125.00	
Donation			\$0.00	
Membership	\$200.00		\$200.00	
Chaperone Ticket Contribution	\$680.00		\$680.00	
Food/Beverage			\$0.00	
Excursion		\$1,125.00	-\$1,125.00	Activities for Visting German Students
Misc.Gifts		\$500.00	-\$500.00	
Chaperone Ticket		\$1,330.00	-\$1,330.00	
Subtotal	\$9,680.00	\$9,980.00	-\$300.00	Cost neutral trip less scholarship

Exchange Chair Updates:

Ben Stein and Jennifer Grim will meet with members interested/planning on traveling to Arles following tonight's business meeting. Ben gave an update on the 2023 Adult French Exchange to Arles. 20 seats have been reserved on British Airways for the 2023 Adult French Exchange to Arles from July 11, 2023 to July 19, 2023. It was discussed that paying for a bus would not be practical. \$2000 has been paid to Krouse Travel to hold 20 seats and a contract has been signed.

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Kristin Witmer gave a brief update on the 2023 Student French Exchange to Arles. 4 students have submitted applications, been interviewed, and will be traveling to Arles. There is another person interested but that application has not been received. York to Arles is planned for June 25 to July 12, 2023. Arles to York is planned for approximately July 12 to August 1, 2023. Contact for French student exchange in Arles is Karine Lopez.

Hank Groat reported that he had spoken to Ulrich about the 2024 German adult exchange. Tentative dates for LE adults to visit are end of August – Beginning September 2024.

German student Exchange update by Betty - Molly Wiles and Hannah Heintzelman are holding interviews for students who have submitted applications. Currently 6 students are being considered. Molly has reached out to other York County German teachers to hopefully get a total of 10 students to participate in the exchange. Tentative dates for YTA students to visit LE are June 16th – July 1st, 2023 with German students visiting York in October 2023. Volunteers are needed to be responsible for exchange activities when German students visit during days they are not visiting schools. Betty emailed Ulrich on January 30th to confirm details. He has not yet responded.

12th Night House Tour update: Larry Homsher reported that the 12th Night event was a success. Homeowners were happy with tour and people who went on tour loved the variety of homes. He mentioned that getting volunteers from YTA to help was a challenge and that the committee enlisted the help of Girl Scouts and other students to assist. John Marsh mentioned that a home owner had suggested that next year a night be set aside prior to the tour for home owners to visit the homes that would be on the tour. Larry suggested that funds be set aside for the event next year. *(The 2023 budget passed on December 14, 2022 includes \$405 for expenses incurred during preparations made during 2023 for the 2024 12th Night tour. Whomever chairs the 12th Night committee for 2024 will need to submit a budget prior to the November 2024 meeting to cover additional anticipated expenses incurred for the 2024 12th Night Tour.) Doug and Betty thanked co-chairs Mary & Larry Homsher and committee members for their time and effort in planning a successful tour.

Give Local York fundraiser – YTA has been registered to participate in the 2023 Give Local York fundraising campaign being held from 9 PM May 4th through 9 PM May 5th. This is an easy fundraiser that only requires people to donate to YTA on-line during that 24 hour time period. Reminders and additional information will be sent out closer to May 4th.

Membership – Chair and committee positions are OPEN. There have been requests for a membership booklet or list to be created and sent out to members. Whomever creates this needs computer skills, and needs to get permission for printing member information. Kim Whitely, JaNeene Powell, Mary Dodd, and Brandi Whitman volunteered to work on this project. Brandi Whitman will chair that committee. Larry Homsher made a motion to approve Brandi as chair to committee and creation of a membership list or booklet at a cost not to exceed \$100.00. JaNeene Powell seconded the motion. Discussion about possibly using survey monkey as a way to get member approval. Additional discussion about adding a link for PayPal to the website for membership on-line payments. JaNeene will check with Ken to see if that is possible. Motion to create booklet or list for members at cost not to exceed \$100 carried.

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Additional discussion about finding a location for in-person YTA meetings. Several concerns to be considered – people would like meeting during daytime over weekend, possible on Sunday afternoon; people do not feel comfortable meeting in York City; safety, security, accessibility and parking need considered; no cost is preferred, any charges must be pre-approved and fit YTA's budget; place needs to allow food/beverage for hospitality; place needs access to Wifi and a place to project screen for presentations and zooming; should be able to seat 30 to 50 people. Mary Dodd suggested using Hosses in East York. Members asked to research places and bring ideas to meeting in April for discussion.

Webmaster:

Ken Krause posted 12th Night Tour photos taken by YTA members on the YTA website. A link was provided to the article in the York Dispatch. Carolyn Van Newkirk commended Ken for his work.

Newsletter:

The timeline to submit articles for the March issue of Tete is February 15th. Betty requested that Exchange Chairs submit summaries about each upcoming exchange.

Updates/Announcements from Co-Presidents:

A PDF recap of 2022 was included for members in the email for this meeting and will be attached to these minutes.

Membership renewals are due for 2023.

YTA will participate in 3 upcoming exchanges. Adult exchange to Arles will be July 11 – 19, 2023. French student exchange will resume with YTA students going to Arles June 26-July 12, 2023 and returning with Arles students who will stay until about August 1st. German student exchange will resume with YTA students going to LE tentatively June 16 – July 1st and LE students visiting York from October 12 – 28, 2023.

Request to purchase 100 YTA notecards to be used for thank you notes and other correspondence at a cost not to exceed \$85. Larry Homsher motioned to approve purchase. JaNeene Powell seconded the motion. Discussion to check prices at Staples, Nefra, Microsoft templates, and other places for best price. Motion carried.

Sierra Rhodes is going to work to search out former YTA alumni to build membership and involvement in YTA. She is going to begin by searching old YTA records and using social media.

Currently liability insurance needs to be updated so YTA has coverage for exchange events. Ross Mattis, the agent from Alliance of Nonprofits for Insurance who handles our insurance suggested we consider the following additions:

Hired & Non-owned Business Auto – \$300 annual; \$133 prorated for remainder of policy term.

Improper Sexual Conduct and Physical Abuse (limit of \$250,000) – \$356 annual; \$158 for remainder of policy term.

Directors and Officers (D & O) coverage - \$600 without Terrorism coverage; \$605 with Terrorism coverage.

Further discussion and a vote to secure additional insurance will be held during the April YTA meeting.

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New Business:

Discussion by JaNeene Powell about YTA setting up stands at local events such as area street fairs and community get togethers to publicize York Twinning Association. Kim Whitely mentioned Central Market. *(Marketing/PR position is open. It would be great for someone to volunteer to fill this position. If interested please contact Doug & Betty Stein at j1j2j31@comcast.net or 717-880-1404.)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM:

Meeting adjourned by Betty Stein at 8:11 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Betty & Doug Stein, Co-Presidents YTA

***** Next Meeting April 12, 2023 – via Zoom & Live at 7PM**